

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant acknowledges, with thanks, the office action dated December 26, 2008, and completion of the personal interview of February 3, 2009. The Examiner's observations and suggestions are much appreciated and summarized herein. The Examiner's consideration of Applicant's arguments filed on September 2, 2008, is noted with appreciation. Claims 1-44 are currently pending.

Claims 1-8, 10-19, 21-30, 32-41, and 43-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0152215 to Clark et al. (*hereinafter*, "Clark") in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,188,311 to Tanaka et al. (*hereinafter*, "Tanaka"). Claims 9, 20, 31, and 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Clark and Tanaka as applied to claim 1, and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0003240 to Lai et al. (*hereinafter*, "Lai"). In view of the amendments and arguments set forth below, it is submitted that all pending claims are patentably distinct over the art of record.

The subject application is directed to a system and method for printing electronic files implemented through a peripheral device. Data representative of book identification information is received via a document processing device user interface. The book identification information is suitably sent to a search engine that provides at least one source server having requested book information. An electronic file is retrieved from a remote data server, in response to the received book identification information, wherein the electronic file is representative of at least one selected book. The user interface suitably shows at least a portion of the book information, such as one or more pages, as a thumbnail display. Data corresponding to at least one page number corresponding to a subset of pages selected by an associated user for reproduction is received via the document processing device user interface. A print job is created by preparing the electronic file for printing, print request data is received representative of a desired output of the print job, and a print operation is commenced of each page of the subset thereof of the electronic file in accordance with the print request and page selection data on the document processing device.

As discussed during the Interview, the newly added Tanaka patent is directed to application of page numbers to a work, as opposed to reproduction of a subset of selected pages. In addition, the subject application teaches interaction with an interface on a document

processing device, such as a printer, copier, facsimile machine, scanner or multiple function peripheral. When a query is made for book information, it is suitably relayed to a search engine that identifies a suitable source, and information from this source is relayed to the document processing device. A thumbnail is then suitably generated on the device, which allows a user to selected pages or subsections, as well as format the same. Thus, the application advantageously teaches a system that allows for ease in retrieval and customization of content and formatting which is integrated into a document processing device.

As discussed in the Interview, amendment has been made to each of independent claims 1, 12, 23 and 34 to include limitations relative to integration with a document processing device and its associated interface. Additionally, limitations have been included relative to integration with a networked workstation, as well as the thumbnail display on the device that facilitates page selection and formatting. It is submitted that Clark, directed to a system for distributing electronic books over an network, as well Tanaka, directed to print formatting, fail to disclose the combination of elements provided by the amended claims.

In accordance with the afore-noted amendments and comments, it is submitted that all claims are patentably distinct over the art, and in condition for allowance thereover. An early allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any fees necessitated by the foregoing communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0902, referencing our Docket No. 66329/00024.

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Respectfully submitted,



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